



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address

NORTHWEST TEXAS HOSPITAL
1201 S WOODLANDS DR STE 4024
WOODLANDS TX 77380-1770

Respondent Name

Texas Cotton Ginners Trust

Carrier's Austin Representative Box

Box Number 47

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-11-0715-01

MFDR Date Received

October 28, 2010

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Account still \$685.82 underpaid."

Amount in Dispute: \$685.82

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The bill is not being adjusted due to the reasoning in the letter for MDR as Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy have a payment status indicator A. Status indicator A states Not paid under OPPS. Paid by intermediaries under a Fee Schedule or payment system other than OPPS (APC)."

Response Submitted by: Forte, 7600 Chevy Chase, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78752

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Date(s) of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
February 1, 2010 through February 25, 2010	Outpatient Physical Therapy	\$685.82	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403, titled *Hospital Facility Fee Guideline – Outpatient*, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for facility services provided in an outpatient acute care hospital.
3. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:

Explanation of benefits dated March 29, 2010

- W1 – Workers Compensation State Fee Schedule Adjustment

Explanation of benefits dated November 24, 2010

- W3 – ADDITIONAL PAYMENT MADE ON APPEAL/RECONSIDERATION

Issues

1. Are the disputed services subject to a contractual agreement between the parties to this dispute?
2. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement for the disputed services?
3. What is the recommended payment amount for the services in dispute?
4. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

Findings

1. Review of the submitted documentation finds no information to support that the disputed services are subject to a contractual agreement between the parties to this dispute.
2. This dispute relates to facility services performed in an outpatient hospital setting with reimbursement subject to the provisions of 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403, which requires that the reimbursement calculation used for establishing the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register with the application of minimal modifications as set forth in the rule. Per §134.403(f)(1), the sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 200 percent, unless a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement of implantables. Review of the submitted documentation finds that separate reimbursement for implantables was not requested.
3. Under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), each billed service is assigned an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) based on the procedure code used, the supporting documentation and the other services that appear on the bill. A payment rate is established for each APC. Depending on the services provided, hospitals may be paid for more than one APC per encounter. Payment for ancillary and supportive items and services, including services that are billed without procedure codes, is packaged into payment for the primary service. A full list of APCs is published quarterly in the OPPS final rules which are publicly available through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website. Reimbursement for the disputed services is calculated as follows:
 - Procedure code 97022, date of service February 1, 2010, has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$17.71. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 36.0791 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 54.32 yields a MAR of \$26.66. The recommended payment is \$26.66.
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 - Procedure code 97022, date of service February 3, 2010, has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$17.71. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 36.0791 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 54.32 yields a MAR of \$26.66. The recommended payment is \$26.66.
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Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$27.81. This amount multiplied by 2 units is \$55.62. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 36.0791 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 54.32 yields a MAR of \$83.74. The recommended payment is \$83.74.

- Procedure code 97535, date of service February 3, 2010, has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$29.85. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 36.0791 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 54.32 yields a MAR of \$44.94. The recommended payment is \$44.94.
- Procedure code 97022, date of service February 5, 2010, has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$17.71. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 36.0791 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 54.32 yields a MAR of \$26.66. The recommended payment is \$26.66.
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- Procedure code 97022, date of service February 12, 2010, has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$17.71. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 36.0791 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 54.32 yields a MAR of \$26.66. The recommended payment is \$26.66.
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- Procedure code 97022, date of service February 15, 2010, has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$17.71. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 36.0791 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 54.32 yields a MAR of \$26.66. The recommended payment is \$26.66.
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- Procedure code 97110, date of service February 18, 2010, has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$27.81. This amount multiplied by 3 units is \$83.43. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor of 36.0791 and multiplied by the Division conversion factor of 54.32 yields a MAR of \$125.61. The recommended payment is \$125.61.
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- Procedure code 97110, date of service February 25, 2010, has a status indicator of A, which denotes services paid under a fee schedule or payment system other than OPPS. Per 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403(h), for outpatient services for which Medicare reimburses using fee schedules other than OPPS, reimbursement is made using the applicable Division fee guideline in effect for that service on the date the service was provided. Payment for this service is calculated according to the Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services, §134.203(c). The fee listed for this code in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule is \$27.81. This amount multiplied by 3 units is \$83.43. This amount divided by the Medicare conversion factor

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4. The total allowable reimbursement for the services in dispute is \$1,445.79. This amount less the amount previously paid by the insurance carrier of \$1,445.89 leaves an amount due to the requestor of \$0.00. No additional reimbursement can be recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

_____ Signature	_____ Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	_____ March 28 , 2013 Date
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YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute may appeal this decision by requesting a contested case hearing. A completed **Request for a Medical Contested Case Hearing** (form **DWC045A**) must be received by the DWC Chief Clerk of Proceedings within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. A request for hearing should be sent to: Chief Clerk of Proceedings, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers Compensation, P.O. Box 17787, Austin, Texas, 78744. The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request for a hearing to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision* together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §148.3(c), including a **certificate of service demonstrating that the request has been sent to the other party.****

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.